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SUMMARY: LDP COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION MARCH 14 OF NPT RATIFICATION
ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY BUT FONOFF BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR
RATIFICATION IMPROVED SEVERAL PERCENTAGE POINTS. DISCUSSION
CENTERED ON JAPAN'S SECURITY, FOCUSSED ON THREAT OF SOVIET
HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS AND MILITARY POSITION AT END OF CENTURY.
LDP OPPONENTS AND GOJ AGREED FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS
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NECESSARY. FONOFF BELIEVES DESPITE TARDY PROGRESS IN LDP

COUNCILS GOJ PLANS FOR RATIFICATION ARE STILL ON TRACK.
END SUMMARY.

1. LDP RESEARCH COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF NPT RATIFICATION MARCH 14 CONDUCTED INCONCLUSIVELY, WITH FONOFF CLAIMING MEASURABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AND OPPONENTS OF RATIFICATION INSISTING ON FURTHER DISCUSSION. DRIEFING EMBOFF MARCH 17, FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIV DIR KAZUHARA SAID MEETING HAD GONE WELL AND PROSPECTS FOR TABLING NPT RATIFICATION BILL IMPROVED SEVERAL PERCENTAGE POINTS. ACCORDING TO HIM, SECOND OF THREE CONDITIONS GOJ POSES PRIOR TO RATIFICATION, GENERAL DISARMAMENT, LIKE ACCESS TO PNE'S BY NNWS, HAS NOW BEEN ESSTNTIALLY SATISFIED OR SET ASIDE BY GOJ AND OPPONENTS. MARCH 14 DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON THIRD ISSUE, SECURITY TO NNWS. KAZAHARA EXPLAINED THAT OPPONENTS CITED DEF SECY SCHLESINGER'S RECENT COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET UNION MIGHT ACHIEVE MILITARY SUPERIORITY BY END OF CENTURY TO URGE "CAUTION" IN RATIFYING NPT. FOCUS OF ARGUMENT ABOUT SECURITY THUS SHIFTED TO SOVIET THREAT. GOJ SPOKESMEN (PRIMARILY FONMIN MIYAZAWA) COUNTERED, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT US-JAPAN MST GUARANTEED JAPAN'S SECURITY AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT US WOULD DO WHATEVER WAS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE FREE WORLD'S SECURITY.

2. FONOFF CONSIDERS GOJ PLANS FOR RATIFICATION STILL ESSENTIALLY ON TRACK, TARGETED FOR SUBMITTING BILL TO DIET IN EARLY APRIL. FONOFF EXPECTS TO ARRANGE FURTHER MEETING WITH COUNCILS HOPEFULLY THIS WEEK AND AFTERWARD TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MORE MANAGEABLE GROUP CONSISTING ONLY OF COUNCIL LEADERS TO PRESS FOR FAVORABLE DECISION ON TABLING RATIFICATION BILL. COUNCILS'S MEETING CHAIRMAN, KITAZAWA, CLOSED MARCH 14 MEETING SAYING IT HAD BEEN INTERESTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE BUT FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS NECESSARY.

3. AT A MEETING WITH EMBOFF MARCH 17, KITAZAWA ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THE FOREGOING DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETING. KITAZAWA SAID THERE ARE VERY FEW WITHIN LDP WHO ARE FUNDAMENTALLY OPPOSED TO NPT, AND THAT IF GOJ IS ABLE TO COME UP WITH SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES OR EXPLANATION CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF JAPAN AND OTHER NON-NUCLEAR NPT POWERS, LDP
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CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF RATIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINABLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, ALTHOUGH NOT IN THE CURRENT SESSION.

4. PUBLIC ATMOSPHERE ON RATIFICATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. FORMER PM SATO PUBLICLY CALLED FOR EARLY RATIFICATION LATE LAST WEEK. BECAUSE OF HIS TIES WITH CONSERVATIVE WING OF LDP AND HIS OWN RESERVATIONS ABOUT RATIFICATION, AS OPPOSED TO SIGNING, HIS STATEMENT WAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST

TO NPT PROPONENTS, PRESS AND BUSINESS LEADERS, LIKE
KEIDANREN'S DOKO, CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS SUPPORTING
RATIFICATION.

6. COMMENT: GOJ'S HARD WORK IS SHOWING SOME RESULTS AND
PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION HAVE IMPROVED.
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